

**Annual Town Meeting  
Monday, April 6, 2015**

**K. Discovery Museum – Discovery Woods and Creativity Playscape**

The Discovery Museums, Inc. proposes to build two main outdoor recreational activity areas, called Discovery Woods and Creativity Playscape, to relocate parking and to build a gateway/portal to allow better access to the adjacent Great Hill conservation and recreation land. The total project cost is \$1.3 million, of which 85% is funded through private donations. The recommended \$150,000 will help fund the two main outdoor areas, Discovery Woods (a nature playscape) and the Creativity Playscape. The two areas will be fully inclusive and accessible outdoor learning and recreation spaces serving citizens of all ages and, importantly, of all abilities. The project will both preserve and enhance open space at The Discovery Museums, relocating parking to restore a natural landscape along Great Hill and create a prominent portal to the conservation land. As a condition of funding to a private entity, the Community Preservation Committee will require that the Museum grants the Town an access trail easement (across a portion of The Discovery Museums' property to the Town's Great Hill Conservation and Recreation Area) for public use, and a use restriction (preserving and authorizing active recreation on that portion of the Discovery Museums' property subsidized with CPA Funds).

<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b><u>Board of Selectmen</u></b>	<b><u>Finance Committee</u></b>
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